



City of Seat Pleasant

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Seat Pleasant Mayor, Eugene W. Grant to discuss Smart City progress at United Nation 18th Infopoverty World Conference

Mayor Grant also will focus on assisting UN General achieve sustainable development goals

Seat Pleasant, MD (April 13, 2018) – Mayor Eugene W. Grant will participate in a discussion during the 18th Infopoverty World Conference at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on April 13th. Mayor Grant will discuss with world leaders, government officials, academics, and philanthropist about the progress of Seat Pleasant: “*A Smart City of Excellence*”, smart city initiatives.

Mayor Grant accepted the invitation to participate in the Infopoverty World Conference not only to discuss Seat Pleasant’s progress with smart city initiatives, but to work with cities and elected leaders to develop solutions to combat the challenges of urbanization.

“I am extremely pleased to be speaking about the city’s progress to a prestigious global audience as we continue to develop strategies to improve not only Seat Pleasant, but cities, states, and nations worldwide” explained Mayor Grant.

The annual conference organized by the Cultural and Audiovisual Communication in the Mediterranean (OCCAM) is aimed at bringing together United Nation system, government, and civil society to find innovative solutions and best practices to empower and fight against poverty. More than half the population are urbanized: the nutrition and the climate change factors impose a new model of land management. Smart cities propose a new strategy to guarantee a sustainable development for all.

This marks Mayor Grant’s second visit to the United Nations Headquarters. Last year, at the 17th Infopoverty World Conference Mayor Grant announced Seat Pleasant’s partnership with IBM to build the FIRST authentic small smart city in the state of Maryland.

“At Seat Pleasant, A Smart City of Excellence, we believe that Smart Cities are the future of innovation because they potential to solve fundamental human problems and challenges including social injustice, inequality, poverty, and sustainability to name a few,” says Mayor Grant.

In 2017 Mayor Grant signed an agreement with IBM to build a \$30 million cloud-based, Intelligent Operations System in the City of Seat Pleasant. As a Smart City, Seat Pleasant offers services that are better, faster, and more personalized making it “A City for Me” using information and technology. Mayor Grant has several partnerships which include IBM, Apple, the University of Oklahoma, and the Prince George’s Community College. The mayor’s partnerships have given the city access to millions of dollars of federal grants and funding ensuring his goal to make Seat Pleasant a more data-oriented municipality.

About City of Seat Pleasant

Founded in 1931, the city of Seat Pleasant is a small bedroom community west of Washington, DC in Prince George’s County, Maryland. Its government is balanced with a Mayor and Seven Councilmembers. Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence is committed to finding ways to deliver services effectively and efficiently and provide meaningful and innovative methods to engage our citizenry. The City of Seat Pleasant is the first Smart City in the state of Maryland offering Smart City services that are better, faster, and personalized making it a “City for Me” using information and communication technology, with the internet of things.

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